

both going up and coming down the river. I suppose *your* having lots of snow and nice sleighing but have not seen a flake of snow this winter and probably will not see any *untill* I get back to York state, the *wether* here [CO] now is like the June at home, the leaves on the trees look green as [CO] in summer and the yards full of ~~roses~~ flowers of all kinds, take it all together it is the pleasantest country that I ever saw. I don't think but very little of your York state winters so I think that will stay here this winter, and go home about next July.

We have not had any mail in most a month and will not get any *untill* the rest of our regt. gets here, they probably have got some for us. I begin to feel as if a letter from home do me a ~~great~~ great deal of good. Harrison wrote one from Ship island, I thought that I would not write there for some said that our mail would not leave there till after we did. I never have heard whether the money I sent you had got there all right or not, I have got the receipt for it with me, we will be mustered for pay tomorrow again but don't know how soon we will get it but I hope it will be before a great while. The boys from Leonardsville are all well ~~ex~~ except Lieut. *Sear*/ he has got the fever he is getting better I believe. Jim Dunn has been quite sick with the same complaint but he has got smart enough to be with us again, if you was to see Sam to day you would not know him, his beard has grown out long and another thing that makes him look different he has not had any liquor since we left Camp Belger, which makes a decided improvement in his looks, this southern sun is tanning us as black as a negro almost. Well I have not got time write any more, I want you to write first as soon as you get this for I want to hear from you very much, it will be some time before I will get [torn] answer(?), it is only ~~22~~ 2400 miles the way we come.

Give my love to all and write soon.

Yours affectionately,

J. F. Brand

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